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BANKRUPTCY JUDGE McEWEN RECEIVES PRO BONO SERVICE AWARD

TAMPA - The Honorable Catherine Peek McEwen, United States Bankruptcy Judge, Middle District of Florida, is the recipient of the 2008 Jimmy Kynes Pro Bono Service Award presented by the Hillsborough County Bar Association in recognition of her years of pro bono service. During her entire career as an attorney, from 1982 until her appointment to the bench in 2005, she actively participated in the Volunteer Lawyers Program handling pro bono cases, mentoring volunteers, and interviewing and advising legal aid applicants. More recently, Judge McEwen coordinated the efforts of the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association and Bay Area Legal Services in the production of an educational DVD and brochures to assist bankruptcy litigants who do not have attorneys. The project was funded by a grant from The Florida Bar Foundation.

The award is named in honor of Jimmy Kynes who served as General Counsel to Jim Walters Corporation. Following the establishment of Bay Area Legal Services' Volunteer Lawyers Program in 1982, Mr. Kynes worked with the program to recruit members of the Hillsborough County Bar Association to provide pro bono assistance.